# Snohomish County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan

Kickoff Meeting





#### Today's Agenda

- 10:00 10:45 AM
  - Introductions
  - Overview of 2010 SCHMP
  - Resilience & Snohomish County
  - What is Natural Hazard Mitigation?
  - Overview of Plan Development
  - The Regional Approach
- 10:45 11:00 AM: BREAK
- 11:00 11:50AM: Regional Discussion (breakouts)
- 11:50 AM 12:00 PM: Next Steps

#### Planning Partners and Stakeholders

- Cities
- Tribal Nations
- Special Purpose Districts
- Hospitals
- Snohomish Conservation District

#### 2010 Guiding Principle

 Through partnerships, reduce the vulnerability to natural hazards in order to protect the health, safety, welfare and economy of the community.

#### **2010** Goals

- Goal 1—Reduce natural hazard-related injury and loss of life.
- Goal 2—Reduce property damage.
- Goal 3—Promote a sustainable economy.
- Goal 4—Maintain, enhance and restore the natural environment's capacity to absorb and reduce the impacts of natural hazard events.
- Goal 5—Increase public awareness and readiness for disasters.

#### Status of 2010 Action Items

- 337 Action Items
- Status
  - 164 ongoing activities
  - 9 fully completed
  - 2 partially completed
  - 34 in progress

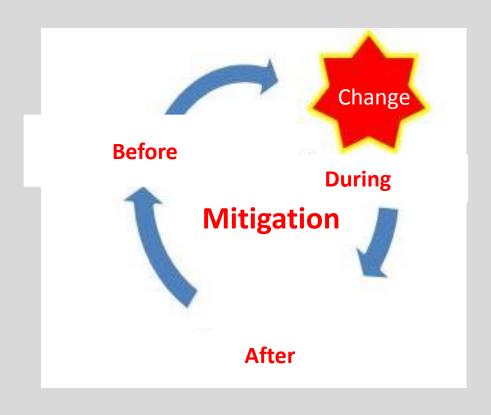
#### Resilience in Snohomish County

 Resilience is the capacity of a community to absorb change from an event and reorganize so as to retain the ability to provide goods and services necessary for human well-being.

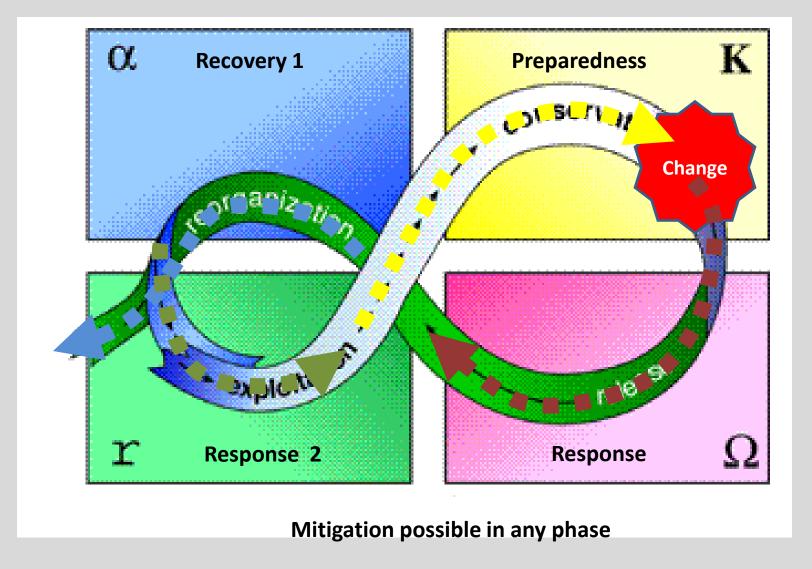
### What is Natural Hazard Mitigation?

- Natural hazard mitigation is the development and implementation of activities designed to reduce or eliminate losses resulting from natural hazards. (ESCA)
- Hazard mitigation is the use of long- and shortterm strategies to reduce or alleviate the loss of life, personal injury, and property damage that can result from a disaster. (Snohomish County)

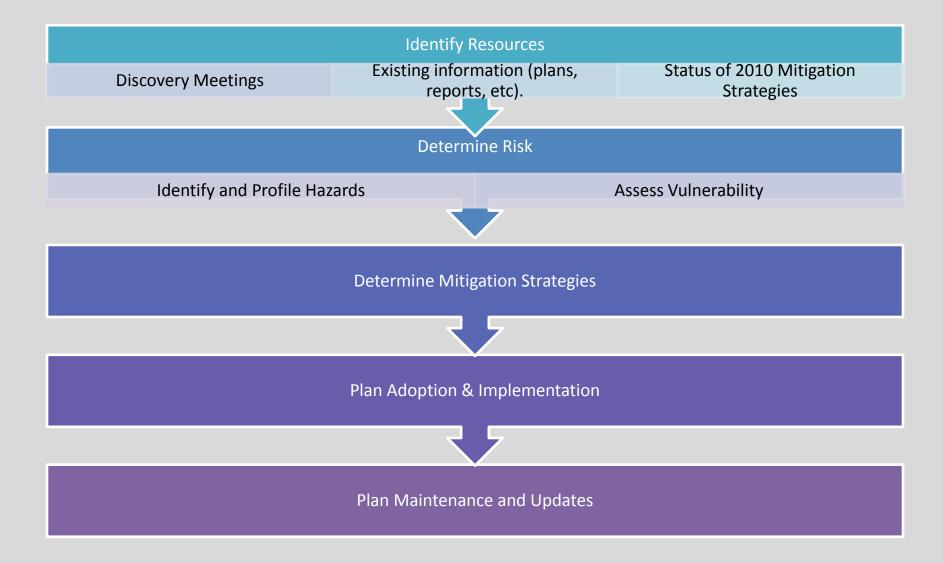
## Phases of Emergency Management



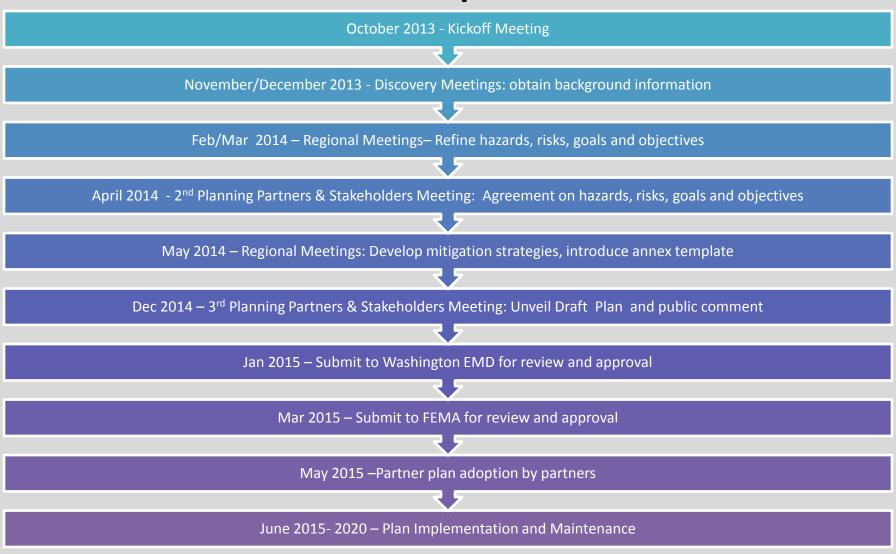
## Resilience within the context of the four phases of emergency management



### **Planning Process**



#### 2015 Plan Development Schedule



#### Major Changes from 2010 to 2015

- Thematic
  - Resilience
- Organization
  - Emergency Services Coordination Agency
  - 4 Geographic Regions
- Regulatory
  - New crosswalk
  - Less discretionary evaluations, more so just held to the CFR
  - 15 years in: need to show improvements
  - FEMA: consistent staff
  - State: consistent flux

### Risks/Opportunities

#### **Natural Hazards**

(Changes)

- Frequency
- Location
- Severity
- Timing

Risks

(Opportunities)

#### **Vulnerabilities**

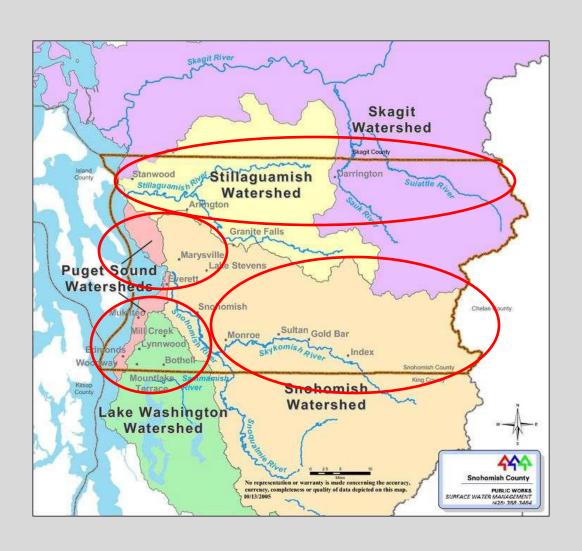
(Strengths)

- Natural/Cultural
- Social/Intellectual
- Built

#### **Capabilities**

- By Individuals / groups
- Within phases of emergency management
- Adaptability, resilience

## Four Regions (5 groups)



#### Regional Discussion

- Breakouts
  - Hazard Identification & Risk
  - Impacts Analysis
  - Safe Growth (Capabilities) Gap Analysis

#### **Next Steps**

- Safe Growth Gap Analysis due 11/30/2013
- Discovery Meetings Nov/Dec 2013
- Feb/Mar Region meetings to refine hazards, risks/opportunities, goals and objectives

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